Mr. R. M. Statham : (*a*) No.

(*b*) The list referred to applies to vernacular teachers in the men's branch alone and therefore an answer to the general question cannot be given.

(*c*) Government have altered the rules for recruitment both to the English and the vernacular branches of the Education Department.

V. M. School at Perumpavur.

18. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the V. M. School at Perumpavur was opened ; and

(*b*) what the present strength of the school is ?

Mr. R. M. Statham : (*a*) 1st Tulam 1073.

(*b*) 673.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : How many students can be accommodated in the present building ?

Mr. R. M. Statham : There is accommodation, really, only for 493.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : What is the seating accommodation ?

Mr. R. M. Statham : Does the honourable member want to know for how many there are benches in the school ?

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Yes.

Mr. R. M. Statham : There are benches only for 450.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Does the member know that classes are being held even in the verandah without any seats whatsoever ?

Mr. R. M. Statham : Not only in the verandah, but in the class rooms themselves some of the students have to sit on the floor ; because, as I said, there are benches only for about 450, while the strength of the school is over 600.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Will the Government arrange for additional accommodation in the school ?

Mr. R. M. Statham : Government have no funds for putting up additional buildings just now. We have under consideration the question of taking away from the school the primary classes or the V. M. classes, so that the remaining classes will have accommodation in the present building.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Is there any other V. M. School in the taluk ?

Mr. R. M. Statham : I think there is.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : What is the distance to that school from this school ?

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Mr. R. M. Statham: I am afraid, I do not know that; but I did not say that it was contemplated to take away the V. M. classes alone from the school. I said that the V. M. classes *or* the primary classes may be removed from the school. If there are no other V. M. Schools in the neighbourhood, of course, we will remove only the primary classes from the school.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Is there a tiffin shed attached to this school?

Mr R. M. Statham: No.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Is there a waterman attached to the school?

Mr. R. M. Statham: No.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know where the students take their tiffin and what they do for drinking water?

Mr. R. M. Statham: They do what the students in several other schools have to do.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Will the Government make proper arrangements for a tiffin shed and for the appointment of a waterman for the school?

President: I am afraid I have allowed too many questions which do not have any reference to the original question. We must stop somewhere.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I ask whether the 250 students who have not got sitting accommodation in the school, remain standing?

Mr. R. M. Statham: No, they sit on the floor.

Memorial re defects in the Government School at Perumpavur.

19. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Director of Public Instruction received a memorial from the citizens of Perumpavur town showing the existing defects in the Government schools at Perumpavur and what action has been taken in the matter?

Mr. R. M. Statham: Yes. The Director of Public Instruction inspected the schools and a sum of Rs. 500 is being provided for putting up an additional shed for the English Middle School. The question of removing the defects in the Departmental Vernacular Middle School is also under consideration.

Mr G. Narayana Aiyar: Is there any tiffin shed attached to the English School?

Mr. R. M. Statham: As the honourable member knows, accommodation in the English Middle School is gravely in defect. There is no tiffin shed, and no girls' retiring room. Even for one of the classes there is no room.

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